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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON STANDARDS OF TRAINING,
CERTIFICATION AND WATCHKEEPING FOR SEAFARERS, 1978**

Accession by Sao Tome and Principe

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization has the honour to refer to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, and to state that, in accordance with article XIII, accession by the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe was effected by the deposit of an instrument on 29 October 1998.

The Convention will enter into force for Sao Tome and Principe on 29 January 1999, in accordance with article XIV.

There are at present one hundred and thirty-three Contracting States to the Convention.
